



## Lamoine Board of Selectmen

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### Minutes of August 2, 2012

Chair Jo Cooper called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Present were: Selectmen Richard Fennelly Jr., S. Josephine Cooper, Cynthia Donaldson, Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon, Assessor/Planning Board Alternate Michael Jordan, RSU 24 Representative Brett Jones (arrived just after recess). Selectmen Gary McFarland and Bill Brann were unable to attend.

**Agenda Review** – Selectmen agreed to take up the RSU 24 Withdrawal Committee's request for an attorney out of order if and when a representative of the committee arrived.

**Minutes of July 12, 2012** – Cynthia said there were two very minor grammar changes. Jo moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Richard 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote in favor was 3-0.**

**Expenditure Warrant 2** – There were no questions regarding the warrant in the amount of \$189,690.93 which was signed individually on July 20, 2012.

**Expenditure Warrant 3** – Selectmen signed the warrant in the amount of \$24,568.31.

**Cash & Budget Reports** – Cynthia asked if the Solid Waste and Administration expenditure budgets would likely change for FY 2012 from the report generated today. Stu said he doubted there would be much change.

**Investment Management Reports** – There were no questions regarding the reports which are posted on the town's website.

**Excise Tax Collections Report** – There were no questions about the report as printed for the end of the 2012 fiscal year. Stu noted that the tax collector's office ran out of excise tax collection / registration forms earlier in the day, but new forms should arrive on Friday.

**Property Tax Rate** – Stu reported the rate fell a couple tenths of a mill to 9.3 mills.

**Special Town Meeting** – Stu reviewed the six articles on the proposed warrant. Jo moved to sign the warrant as presented. Cynthia 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote in favor was 3-0, Selectmen present signed the warrant.**

**Budget Committee** – Stu suggested having the budget committee meet jointly with the Selectmen on September 6, 2012 to review the special town meeting warrant and to hold their organizational meeting for the upcoming budget cycle. Selectmen had no objection.

**Lamp Recycling Program** – Stu said the Department of Environmental Protection is offering a lamp recycling container program where the town receives collection cartons for fluorescent lamps and when they get full, a company comes to pick up the lamps. Jo

moved to sign the agreement with the lamp recycling program. Richard 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote in favor was 3-0.**

**Front Door Project** – Stu reported he had composed an ad and a set of specifications for replacing the front door at the town hall which included using existing locks and hardware, fixing a broken piece of trim, and replacing the light fixture above the door. Selectmen had no objection to putting the project to bid as written.

**Vault Reconfiguration** – Stu said he's not sure how to proceed with this project. Cynthia asked if everything that is in the vault really need to be there. Stu said no, much of it can either be discarded or stored outside the vault. A discussion followed regarding scanning documents and saving them on computer storage media. Jo suggested having the historical society involved in planning. Stu said he'd like to work with the tax assessors, the town clerk and the Code Enforcement Officer to reconfigure things.

**MUBEC/BLUO** – There has been no progress in bringing the Building and Land Use Ordinance into compliance with MUBEC.

**RSU 24 Withdrawal** – The withdrawal committee has requested permission to hire Ed Bearor as its attorney. Jo moved to approve the request and authorize Stu to sign the engagement letter stating such. Richard 2<sup>nd</sup>. Cynthia asked about the budget for the withdrawal committee. Stu said the town meeting approved \$15,000 and it would be up to the committee to manage its budget. **Vote in favor was 3-0.**

**Checking Account Reconciliation**- Selectmen signed the statement expressing satisfaction with the review of the checking account reconciliation which was sent via e-mail prior to the meeting.

**Resignation of Cable TV Operations Manager** – Jo moved to accept the resignation of Kimberly Grindle. Richard 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote in favor was 3-0.** Stu noted that the CTV scheduling computer lost its hard drive this week, so programming is severely affected. He said the Cable TV Committee meets next week.

**Heating Fuel Purchase** – Jo moved to sign the pre-purchase contracts (Town Hall, Fire Station) with Acadia Fuel. Cynthia 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote in favor was 3-0. Jo signed the contracts.**

**Request of County Commissioner Candidate Antonio Blasi** – Stu said he spoke with Mr. Blasi after receiving a hand written request from him to meet with the board on September 6<sup>th</sup>. He said Mr. Blasi told him it was campaign related, in that he wanted the Board to hear that he intends, if elected, to be in touch with communities. Stu said his concern was that the meeting was more of a political campaign appearance and wondered if the Board wanted to do that. Jo said Mr. Blasi is welcome to attend, but his participation in the meeting would be limited. Stu asked if Mr. Blasi's opponent should be invited. There was no objection. Richard said there should be a strict time limit as the Selectman's meeting is not the proper venue for a political candidate's debate.

**Dog Waste on Clam Flats** – Richard noted that a request came from Shellfish Warden Mike Hall to address dog waste on the mud flats. It was agreed to check the Parks Ordinance to see if it is addressed in that. Richard said that waste contributes to the closure of the flats due to pollution and Raccoon Cove seems to be a particular problem. Stu said he would check the Parks Ordinance and perhaps with other communities to see if there was some regulation.

**Harbor Violation** – Stu reported that Harbor Master David Herrick has issued a notice of violation to a fisherman who has placed a lobster car in the Harbor without a permit either from the town or the Army Corps of Engineers.

**Next Meeting** – The next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be on September 6, 2012.

**Executive Session** – Jo moved to enter executive session pursuant to 1MRSA §405(6)(a) for the purpose of interview and negotiation with a candidate for the Code Enforcement Officer's position. Richard 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote in favor was 3-0.**

**In at 7:28 PM – Out at 8:15 PM.**

**Appointment of Code Enforcement Officer etc.** – Jo moved to appoint Michael Jordan as the Code Enforcement Officer, Local Plumbing Inspector and Building Inspector and that a probationary contract would be negotiated. Richard 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote in favor was 3-0.**

**Resignation** – Michael Jordan orally resigned as an alternate member of the Planning Board. Jo moved to accept the resignation. Cynthia 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Vote in favor was 3-0.**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stu Marckoon, Administrative Assistant